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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The City of Sheboygan Historic Preservation Commission held a meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 4:00 P.M. in the Third Floor Conference Room of City Hall. Chairperson Scott Lewandoske chaired the meeting.

Present: Scott Lewandoske, Ald. Carlson, Nancy Moudry, Rob Ecker, Jon Dolson, & Roger Lahm.

Excused: Chad Pelishek & Susan Hundley

Scott Lewandoske called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introduction of Commission members and guests.  
There were no guests

Public Input  
Not held

Approval of minutes from the September 29, 2011 meeting.  
Jon Dolson moved, Rod Ecker second to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on suggestions for options for educating homeowners on the importance of Historic Preservation. Email from Rick Bernstein of the Wisconsin State Historical Society received on August 18. Email included a 14-page handout, "Local Incentives for Historic Preservation."

It was felt by the committee members that the city website Historic Preservation section should include a FAQ area.

Chairman Lewandoske went over the section of the email and read comments that Chad Pelishek made for each one.

- A. Tax incentives for Historic Preservation This is N/A for Sheboygan.
- B. Grants & Loans

Chad left a note saying that this is a possibility (for Façade Renovations only), but would need to talk to lenders first. It was suggested by the committee to have Chad contact some lenders and invite them to speak at a future meeting and answer questions as to what could be done and couldn't be done.

- C. Exemptions from Parking Requirements

Chad said that this was not a concern in Sheboygan, but committee members felt that it could be a concern in the Ellis Historic District, but may not be possible to make changes.

- D. Exemptions from building code requirements.

Chad in his notes said that changes are possible, but would require ordinance changes. Jon Dolson moved and Rob Ecker seconded to have someone from building inspection meet with the committee to discuss section 1, 2, 3, 5 & 7 to see what could be done and to invite the fire chief to discuss sections 4 & 6 and what could be done to change building codes for land marked buildings. Motion carried. Ald. Carlson said that he would work with Chad to introduce to the Common Council any ordinance changes that may be needed.

- E. Zoning Incentives

Chad's comment was that he was unaware these exist.

G. Disincentives for surface parking lots and garages.

Jon Dolson brought up Pasadena's preservation ordinance and felt that Sheboygan should also adopt this ordinance in regards to not being able to use the former site of a land marked building as a parking lot for five years.

Ald. Carlson again said that he would work with Chad on any possible ordinance changes.

F. Packages of incentives

Chad said this was possible, but would need to locate funding. It was decided to see if the State Historical Society would have any funds for this.

G. Technical assistance

It was brought up by committee members to work with the local Neighborhood Associations to form neighborhood workshops on Historic Preservation.

After discussing all points of the handout, Jon Dolson said that while the handout is helpful, none of it is about what other communities in Wisconsin are doing. He then made a motion, seconded by Nancy Moudry to have Chad contact other cities in Wisconsin to see what they are doing, or check their websites. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on Nancy's Meet & Greet Nancy reported that she had talked to her neighbors and they were in favor of the idea, but not before January. It was decided to table this until the next meeting, which will be held on December 8, 2011 at 4:00.

Being no further business, Jon Dolson moved, Rob Eckert seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:48. Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted

Scott Lewandoske  
Chairman